

Invitation to Join Arkansas Nutrition Advisory Committee

Earlier today, I announced the formation of my new "Arkansas Nutrition Advisory Committee" following a conference call with nutrition and hunger advocates in Arkansas.

As Chairman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry, my responsibilities encompass a number of issues that are critical to all Arkansans. One of those issues is nutrition. It is a priority near and dear to my heart, and that's why I am excited about the opportunities the Committee holds for a progressive nutrition agenda. I will rely on Arkansas's nutrition and hunger community for input and guidance as I take up the gavel as Chairman.

The Senate Ag Committee has a full plate. The Child Nutrition Bill expires at the end of this month, and it is my top priority that we enact a temporary extension that will allow us to focus on strengthening the bill's initiatives, which help ensure school children in our state and across the nation receive healthy meals that give them the fuel they need to excel in the classroom. I will also work to ensure our nutrition programs are implemented the way Congress intended with last year's Farm Bill.

I look forward to hearing your ideas and concerns. <u>Please contact me</u> if you are interested in joining my Arkansas Nutrition Advisory Committee.

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